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In re application of:

Shigeru UMINO et al.

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GROUP 1775

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STEEL SHEET HAVING SURFACE-TREATED  
ZINC-BASED PLATING

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 6, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 9, 2003,  
and Advisory Action of March 29, 2004, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.